

REMARKS

The Notice of October 6, 2009 refers to an amendment document filed July 15, 2009. The applicants note that they did not file an amendment on July 15 in the above-referenced application, rather on July 13 the applicants sent a proposed amendment to Examiner Patel by facsimile. The applicants did, however, file an Amendment and Response on September 11, 2009. Accordingly, the applicants assume that the Notice pertains to their Response and Amendment of September 11, 2009.

In the Notice of October 6, 2009, paragraph 4.C. states that the claims must be properly identified by status identifiers. The applicants assert that the listing of claims provided with their Amendment and Response of September 11, 2009 included proper status identifiers for each claim. Nevertheless, the applicants provide herewith the same listing of claims provided with their September 11, 2009 and assert that their claims are all properly identified.

Paragraph 4.E. of the Notice states that the applicants are to consult a Continuation Sheet included with the Notice. The Notice of September 11, 2009, however, does not include a Continuation Sheet. The applicants' attorney telephoned Examiner Patel to inquire about the missing Continuation Sheet. Examiner Patel stated that the Continuation Sheet contained an objection to the drawing sheet filed with the applicants' Amendment and Response of September 11, 2009. The applicants inadvertently failed to identify the drawing sheet as a "New Sheet." In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84(c), the applicants include herewith a drawing sheet showing FIG. 7 and properly labelled with the term "NEW SHEET" at the upper margin.

The applicants assert that they have complied with the objections raised in the Notice of October 6, 2009. Should the Examiner find that the instant response fails to address the issues raised in the Notice, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the applicants' attorney.

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